

IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD MEETING

Friday – October 19, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.

Division of Building Safety
Board Conference Room
1090 East Watertower Street
Meridian, ID 83642

NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Coon at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007.

Board Members Present:

Ray Coon, Chairman
Milford Terrell
Gordon Smythe
Ronald Loveland (Teleconference)

Board Members Absent:

None

DBS Staff Members:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator, Operations
Eric Fieldstad, Deputy Administrator, Administration
Carl Lohrengel, Plumbing Bureau Chief
Al Caine, Licensing & Compliance Manager
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Brandee Pasborg, Technical Records Specialist
Danielle Lefler, Administrative Assistant
Pete Peterson, Plumbing/HVAC Inspector Supervisor
John Nielson, Plumbing/HVAC Inspector
Jake Wood, Plumbing/HVAC Inspector
Roger Gabel, Deputy Attorney General
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant

♦ Approval of October 19, 2007 Agenda

Milford Terrell requested BSU Press Box/Sky Suite addition be included under item six, “Waterless Urinals”.

MOTION: Milford Terrell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with any additions or corrections. Gordon Smythe seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

♦ Approval of August 14, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Milford Terrell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with any additions or corrections. Gordon Smythe seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

♦ Open Forum

Viega Presentation - Viega, a German based company, bought Van Guard. Representatives from Viega gave a brief presentation/demonstration on a new stainless steel PEX Press Fitting system. (The PEX Press is an additional joining system for PEX.)

♦ Financial Report

The Division incurred two one-time expenditures in the month of August. The first was the cost of executive government; the State Treasurer, State Controller and Attorney General’s office’s

administrative overhead. The second was a three-year software license with Microsoft for all Division computers.

♦ **Exam Summary Report**

The current pass rate for journeymen is 79 percent. The “Plumbing Journeyman First Exam Attempts” spreadsheet is a comparison of training sites and first time test applicants.

The Bureau does not have an exclusive agreement with ICES. Therefore, ICC would like to offer, as an alternate, their UPC based exam.

♦ **Notice of Violations/Compliance Issues**

Upon distribution, Al Caine reviewed the updated NOV/CP reports.

♦ **Waterless Urinal**

Nonwater urinals were one of the 2009 UPC code changes addressed at the recent IAPMO conference. For the Board’s acceptance, Carl Lohrengel distributed verbiage from Section 402.3.1 – Nonwater Urinals.

In an attempt to go “green”, saving hundreds of thousands of gallons of water a year; Boise State is interested in pursuing waterless urinals in their Press Box/Sky Suite addition.

MOTION: Milford Terrell made a motion to accept the verbiage for the acceptance of the nonwater urinals, Section 402.3.1. Gordon Smythe seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ACTION: Milford Terrell requested the Division write a letter, as soon as possible, to BSU stating the acceptance of nonwater urinals.

♦ **Plumbing Permit Requirements (MOU with U of I)**

The Division entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Idaho (U of I). The MOU sets forth the mechanism under which requests for plumbing permits and inspections will be made, as well as payments.

♦ **Apprentice Related Training Issues**

A committee met, agreeing that apprentices should be registered with the State for five years. However, apprentices would not be required to attend schooling the first year. There is no legislation at this time.

♦ **Administrator’s Report**

Board Room Reconfiguration - The Board room will be reconfigured; placing portable tables in a u-shape for board members and theater style seating for visitors/industry.

Division Newsletter – A final draft of the Division’s newsletter was previewed.

Public Service Announcements (PSA) – The Division would like to pursue a radio based PSA media program. Radio is a great avenue in which to educate the public. The Division encourages suggestions.

♦ **New/Old Business**

Bonding Requirements/Seven Member Board - The Board briefly discussed bonding requirements for contractors and expanding the Board to seven members. Jerry Peterson, Idaho Building Trades, will address the expansion of the Board with the industry.

ACTION: At the January 11, 2008 meeting, Jerry Peterson will present an update on the industry's position of a seven member board.

Ron Ginner Memorial Endowment – Ron Ginner was a 4th year BSU instructor. At his passing an endowment fund was created in his name. The fund is to scholarship Plumbing Apprentices. The amount of an endowment fund is \$10,000.00. Currently the fund is several thousand dollars short. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Dennis Butterfield or Kenny Calkins.

Idaho Code/Administrative Rules – The Division has created a pocketsize version of the Plumbing Bureau's Idaho Code and Administrative Rules.

Chairman Ray Coon adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

RAYMOND COON, CHAIRMAN
PLUMBING BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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